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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YASUO OKUTANI, ET AL.)
: Examiner: Unassigned
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: Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Appln. No.: 09/819,613)
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Filed: March 29, 2001)
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For: SPEECH SIGNAL PROCESSING)
APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND)
STORAGE MEIDUM : June 15, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

THIRD INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
08/739,013	October 28, 1996	2645 ✓
09/037,998	March 11, 1998	✓

A copy of each of the above-cited applications is enclosed.

FEE STATEMENT

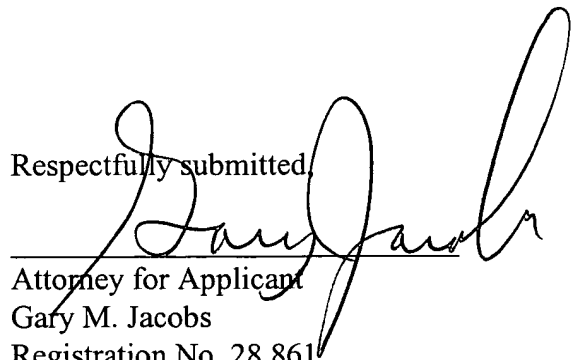
No fee or statement is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the last of (1) issuance of a first official action on the merits or (2) expiration of the three month period following filing of the above-captioned application.

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that an annotated copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned with the next official communication indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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